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Crime can be costly.

Did you know that last year the Maricopa County Juvenile Court ordered **more than one million dollars in restitution** to be paid to victims of juvenile crime?

It can add up quickly...

Car Theft

Broken passenger window:	\$200
Broken steering column:	\$200
Minor body repairs:	\$500-\$5000
Storing fees:	\$20/day
Insurance deductible:	\$500

Home Burglary

Replace broken window:	\$200
Replace broken door:	\$250-\$300
New door locks:	\$20-\$60
Installation:	\$50

Crime victims may also include lost wages from missing work to obtain estimates or attend court. Restitution may also be requested for thousands of dollars in medical or counseling bills related to the crime.

As you can see, crime can, indeed, be costly.

In practicing Restorative Justice, the Juvenile Probation Department gives priority to repairing the harm done to victims and their communities. Yet, we also strive to provide offenders with services that increase accountability, reduce crime, and develop new skills so that they may become productive citizens of the future.

Project G.I.V.E.

Giving Individual Victims Earnings



A Program to Ensure that Victims
of Juvenile Crime Receive
Restitution



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Repairing the Harm

When juveniles violate the law, the Juvenile Court Center is required to hold them accountable for their actions. This may be done by requiring them to pay restitution to victims, perform community service work, pay a fine, or attend an educational program that addresses a particular problem.

The Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department developed Project GIVE as a **nonprofit restitution program** aimed at holding offenders accountable by repairing some of the harm done to both the victim and their community.

By entering into service contracts with Project GIVE, organizations can help juvenile offenders make restitution payments to victims. Money received for projects will go directly into a fund that distributes checks to respective victims. Offenders are transported directly to work sites and perform community work service under Court staff supervision. Youth gain valuable experience from short-term employment and take pride in knowing they are contributing to their community.



Rebuilding the Community

Project GIVE is a collaborative effort between Court staff, nonprofit agencies, volunteers, and local businesses of the community. The program emphasizes personal accountability of offenders to their victims, active community involvement, and a process of reaffirming the offender as a valued community member.

Juveniles who are adjudicated delinquent, and have a victim or victims, are frequently ordered by the Court to pay restitution. Many face challenges in making timely restitution payments for the following reasons:

- Age prohibits employment.
- Offenses limit employment—"at risk" juveniles need close supervision.
- Lack of job opportunities.
- Juvenile is not employable due to physical or psychological challenges.

Although such challenges may limit employment, they do not impede earnest effort. **Project GIVE provides a resource for youth to overcome their challenges, pay their debt, and restore their victims.**



Primary Goals:

- Ensure victims of juvenile crime receive restitution.
- Hold juveniles accountable for their behavior.
- Provide opportunities for juvenile offenders to actively participate as responsible citizens in their community.
- Restore hope by responding to victims of crime and expecting juvenile offenders to repair harm through restitution and community service.

Community Impact:

- Victims will receive restitution from the offender in a timely manner.
- Juvenile offenders will complete service projects within the community to benefit all of our citizens.
- Juvenile offenders will be held accountable to their victims and develop skills to become educated, drug-free, and crime-free.
- Victims of crime and the community will feel positive about the Juvenile Court and the services they receive from the justice system.

Project G.I.V.E.

A Restitution Reimbursement Work Program

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I am interested in learning more about ways to help victims and juvenile offenders. Please send more information to:

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CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

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